

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

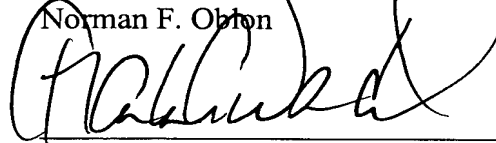
The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies, to place active steps in Claim 1, and to make other minor obvious stylistic changes.

An early examination of the case on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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